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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 5, 2002, please amend the application as follows. A Petition for an Extension of Time for one month, up to and including July 5, 2002, and the appropriate fee, are enclosed with this response.

In the Claims

11. (twice amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a scavenger receptor protein type BI which selectively binds to low density lipoprotein and to modified lipoprotein having the characteristics of acetylated low density lipoprotein in cell medium containing 10% serum, which hybridizes to SEQ ID Nos. 3 and 7 under moderately stringent hybridization conditions at a temperature of approximately 25°C below the melting temperature of a perfectly base-paired double-stranded DNA.

13. (twice amended) The molecule of claim 11 hybridizing under stringent hybridization

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